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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR:
INJECTION MOLDING LIGHT
METAL ALLOY

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

E1 15. (Amended) An injection molding apparatus as defined in claim 25, wherein said nozzle discharge port opening/closing means is a temperature setting member disposed in the discharge port of the nozzle for forming a solid plug.

16. (Amended) An injection molding apparatus as defined in claim 25, wherein said nozzle discharge port opening/closing means is an on/off valve disposed in the discharge port of the nozzle.

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